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Capitol Square Complex Building Renovations, Entrance Project Dedications Scheduled

RICHMOND, VA -

WHAT: **Dedication of two renovated state buildings and the North Drive & 9th Street projects**
Governor Northam and the Department of General Services (DGS) will dedicate the former Morson's Row and Ferguson Building in honor of two historic Virginians and will celebrate the completion of the new entry and security enhancements at North Drive and the 9th Street sidewalk project.

Morson's Row will be dedicated in honor of Dr. William Ferguson "Fergie" Reid who was the first African American member of the General Assembly since reconstruction, serving three terms from 1968-1973. One of the three row homes is being named in honor of the Townes family that has served the Executive Mansion for decades. Once complete, the building will be used as state office space.

The Ferguson Building will be dedicated in honor of First Lieutenant Ruppert L. Sargent. Beginning in 2022, the building will be used by the Division of Capitol Police as a K9 training facility.

To coincide with the North Drive and 9th Street project completion, a plaque will be placed at the Capitol Police Post 1 to honor Master Officer Woodrow W. "Buddy" Dowdy III.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 4, 2022
11 a.m.

WHERE: 223 Governor Street, Richmond, VA

WHO: Speakers include Governor Northam, Secretary of Administration Grindly Johnson, Department of General Services Director Joe Damico, Division of Capitol Police Chief Anthony Pike, Dr. William Ferguson “Fergie” Reid, and Cheryl Dowdy.

The event will be held in front of the renovated former Morson’s Row. Following the ceremony, you can visit all three sites. Capitol Police will have K9s at the K9 facility.

Street parking is available and there is paid parking available at the 9th and Franklin streets parking deck.

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